

Miss A Lavelle
Head Teacher BEd (Hons) NPQH

Miss K Maryon BEd (Hons) NPQH
Deputy Head teacher



The Street
Mereworth
Maidstone
Kent
ME18 5ND

Tel: (01622) 812569

Mereworth Community Primary School
"Lasting learning experiences for life"

Email: office@mereworth.kent.sch.uk
www.mereworth.kent.sch.uk

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents,

It has been a really positive start to Term 4 and we are delighted that all children will be able to return to school from the start of week 3; Monday 8th March. Until then, our *Remote education* and *Blended learning* offer will continue next week with **Science learning** in addition to daily English, Maths, Directed Time, a PE session and a PSHE session. Teachers will communicate all home learning expectations via their daily class emails. **Please ensure that you prioritise the English and Maths daily learning videos and activities. This is in line with our whole school focus for this academic year of ensuring that we recover lost learning in these key subject areas.**

Home Learning Week 1, 2 and 3: The children have been asked to complete a fun topic-based project linked to their class History topic. This project will replace the usual English/Maths home learning activities. We look forward to seeing the children's work and putting this on display in school.

Online support for parents: Fortnite:

Please find attached a National Online Safety poster about Fortnite. We recognise the challenges of ensuring that your child is safe online and each week we will provide information to support you as a parent.

Week 3 and the return of all children to school:

We have been busy planning for the return of all children to school on Monday 8th March and I would like to reassure all parents that the school continues to operate rigorous covid-19 safety measures including twice weekly testing of all adults working in the school.

In addition to our school curriculum provision, all classes will recommence the additional learning *intervention programmes* that have been in place since September 2020 to support all pupils to 'catch-up' on lost learning from last academic year. These interventions will continue to be funded by the government's 'Catch-Up premium grant'. We will continue to track all children's learning daily and weekly when they return to school; this ongoing formative assessment is used by teachers to plan the additional *intervention programmes* and the *class 30 minute Daily Recovery Lessons for Maths and English* (which are above and beyond the children's daily Maths and English lessons). We have also formally assessed the children at the end of Term 1 and Term 2 against their current year group expectations and shared this with you at the last Parent consultation meeting in November 2020.

We are delighted to announce that school meals will commence from Monday 8th March. I have attached an Edwards and Ward newsletter, and will send you the current weekly menu and another newsletter next Friday.

Donation of high quality reading books:

Please can we ask you to support our class libraries by donating high quality books between now and the end of this term. This will help to ensure we have a wide range of reading material for all pupils in all classes.

Thank you for all your continued support and working partnership with your class teacher. The dialogue and ongoing high levels of communication have ensured that we have been able to support each and every family.

Finally, please can all parents check your child's school uniform to ensure that all items still fit and that you are following our school uniform policy. More information is available here: <http://mereworth.kent.sch.uk/uniform/>

Yours sincerely, Miss Lavelle Head Teacher